

the Republican leadership has presented to the American people!

We should learn from the American people. I received a letter today with these cards, made in Janie Tavener's kindergarten class. The letter says: "Dear Mr. Stupak. My daughter's kindergarten class made a poster that we made into this card. I am proud that they have already learned the Pledge of Allegiance, and they are learning to be proud Americans. Sincerely, Nancy Stanwick."

Democrats are standing up for Mrs. Tavener's kindergarten class we won't saddle these children with a huge debt. We won't leave them with this GOP credit card.

Democrats will leave them with Principles and Beliefs. We will tell them to stand up for what they believe in, and not to rely on or fall for gimmicks or tricks when it comes to our fiscal responsibility! Let's stand with these kids! Vote no on this supplemental appropriations.

#### RECOGNIZING CONSTITUENT SURVEY RESULTS FROM COLORADO

##### HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 4, 2002*

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to speak about Colorado's Fourth Congressional District and the opinions of the constituents I serve concerning the direction of their country. I would like to share with you the thoughts of thousands of citizens from Eastern Colorado by reporting the results of an opinion survey I sent to each household.

Among its several questions, the survey asked, "What is the single most important issue facing our country today?" Respondents came back with a host of answers including preserving social security, a strong national defense, our country's moral deterioration, and the lack of immigration law enforcement.

Unsurprisingly, an overwhelming majority of Colorado's Fourth Congressional District constituents believe tax relief and education are the two most important issues facing American families today. In separate questions, they voiced opinions citing problems and solutions to these tough issues.

With regards to education, parents cited the need for parental involvement and school choice, smaller classroom sizes, more direct school funding to reach the classroom, eliminating drugs and violence in schools, and more local control. While the answers were varied, the message is the same: Parents expect quality and choice in their children's education, and deservingly feel as though they should get the most for their tax dollars by decreasing the bureaucracy that currently exists.

Eastern Coloradans are also concerned with the burden of taxes and are interested in reform. Last year I fought to repeal the death tax and marriage penalty taxes along with many other tax-relief provisions in the bill signed by President Bush. However, due to an unfortunate Senate amendment, these taxes will be increased again in 2011. This is an unfair and punitive measure, and the people of Colorado expect these provisions to be made permanent.

As has always been the case since first being elected to the Congress, my constituents expect me to vote to balance the federal

budget, provide needed tax relief, increase parent choice in education, eliminate government waste, and save Social Security. Coloradans believe they should keep more of their hard-earned money for themselves and their children's futures, and thus I will continue to fight for this just cause.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to point out Fourth District Coloradans, more than two-to-one, oppose partial birth abortions and overwhelmingly oppose any restriction on Second Amendment gun rights. In addition, they also are concerned about our providing care for the elderly and veterans.

Finally, national defense and protection against terrorism are repeated concerns. The tragic events of September 11th were not only aimed at our financial and political centers, but more importantly the freedom Americans enjoy and the values we espouse. Dedication to family and love of community are displayed in these responses, and all Coloradans I serve demand no less than personal protection.

Mr. Speaker, I am grateful for the opinion survey responses I received. I consider this valuable input and commend these results to our colleagues. The voice of the people is the cornerstone of our political system and I encourage all Americans to share their opinions to their elected officials.

#### TRIBUTE TO REVEREND JAMES SCHALKHAUSER

##### HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 4, 2002*

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, Reverend James Schalkhauser accepted the appointment as the Lansing Fire Department's first chaplain in February 1973. Throughout the past 29 years, he has maintained his full-time position as senior pastor at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Lansing. Juggling both commitments has often taken him away from his family in order to meet the needs of others.

Throughout his tenure, Reverend Schalkhauser has provided countless hours of counseling and advice to the Lansing firefighters on family matters, marital challenges or other personal issues. He has always been available with a listening ear, friendship and advice.

In 1990, Reverend Schalkhauser was a founding member of the Capitol Area Critical Incident Stress Management (CACISM) team. This group is comprised of professional counselors and clergy formed for the purpose of providing critical incident stress services to local firefighters, police officers, and EMS providers following a traumatic event.

The 29 years of service Reverend Schalkhauser has provided the Lansing firefighters will never be forgotten. On behalf of my constituents of Michigan's Eighth Congressional District, I am pleased to honor him in Congress in recognition of his official retirement on June 18.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 4, 2002*

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be in Washington, DC today because I was attending a memorial service for Marc Lindenberg. Mr. Lindenberg was the dean at the University of Washington's Daniel Evans School of Public Affairs. Throughout his life, he was a passionate and potent leader in international relief work. Those that knew him, or were touched by his work, will truly miss Mr. Lindenberg, but we find solace knowing that the legacy he leaves behind will endure.

Mr. Speaker, I missed six votes.

Had I been able to vote, I would have voted in support of: H.R. 4800, H.R. 4823, H.R. 4466, H.R. 3983, H.R. 4073, and H.R. 2941.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO ROBBY SHELTON

##### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 4, 2002*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate a young student from my district, Mr. Robby Shelton. His hard work and dedication have been rewarded with the great honor of being named to the All-USA College Academic Team for undergraduate students who have made a significant impact on society. Robby has not only overcome his challenges with deafness, but he has met the hurdles that were put before him. I would like to commend him for his determination and self-sacrifice in achieving this honor. He is certainly a well deserving recipient of this award, and I am honored to bring forth his accomplishments before this body of Congress and this nation.

Robby is a student at the University of Denver, where he has made remarkable strides in medical technology. He is well known on campus and throughout the nation for being extraordinarily gifted in science and its applications. By the end of his sophomore year, Robby had finished his senior honors thesis. His next big project, with the help of the Denver Police Department, was to use cancer diagnostic instruments to perform DNA tests on police suspect blood samples. His project was a great success and his invention produced results faster and cheaper than other available method. After the devastating September 11 attacks on the Pentagon and the World Trade Center, the U.S. Department of Justice looked to Robby to aid his country and its citizens in the monumental task of identifying the victims of the attacks. Robby was up to the challenge, and he worked day and night in preparation for the assignment.

Mr. Speaker, the innovation and commitment demonstrated by Robby Shelton certainly deserves the recognition of this body of Congress, and this nation. Robby's achievements serve as a symbol to aspiring science students and for anyone facing adversity. The recognition that Robby has received is proof that hard work, determination, and a passionate pursuit of your goals can lead to great